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Encl: (1) COMFITWING ONE Command History for 1986
(2) Biography of CAPT J. F. Manning, Jr.
(3) Photo of CAPT J. F. Manning, Jr.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are hereby submitted.

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COMFITWING ONE COMMAND HISTORY

Calendar Year 1986

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Mission. To exercise administrative and operational control over readiness training squadrons and other units assigned. Fighter Wing ONE will assist the Airwing Commanders and fleet squadron commanders in all aspects of training and material readiness while shore-based and, when appropriate, when squadrons are deployed.

b. Commander. 1 Jan - 21 Feb: CAPT Donald L. McCrory, USN. 21 Feb - 15 Sep: CDR Donald N. Tillman, USN, Acting. 15 Sep - 31 Dec: CAPT John F. Manning, Jr., USN.

c. Command Relationship. Commander, Fighter Wing ONE reports to Commander Fighter Medium Attack Airborne Early Warning Wings, Atlantic. COMFITWING ONE has been assigned to act as Commander, Fleet Air Detachment Administration of Naval Air Station Oceana and coordinates activities within the command areas.

2. Chronology.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
7-10 Jan	SEABAT 2-86 (large scale fleet air defense electronic warfare exercise) conducted off the Virginia Capes.
17 Jan	Fighter Squadron One Hundred Forty-Two change of command. CDR S. P. Letter relieved by CDR R. S. Schmidt.
10 Feb	Fighter Wing ONE change of command. CAPT D. L. McCrory relieved by CDR D. N. Tillman, Acting.
18 Apr	Fighter Squadron Fourteen change of command. CDR C. W. Schantz, Jr relieved by CDR P. W. Bower.
12-15 May	SEABAT 3-86 conducted off Virginia Capes.
1 Jul	Fighter Squadron Thirty-One change of command. CDR F. G. Ludwig relieved by CDR D. P. Curry.
26-29 Aug	SEABAT 4-86 conducted off Virginia Capes.
5 Sep	Fighter Squadron One Hundred One change of command. CDR J. F. Manning, Jr relieved by CDR C. M. deGruy.
12 Sep	Fighter Squadron One Hundred Forty-Three change of command. CDR E. J. Simmons relieved by CDR L. C. Baucom.
15 Sep	Fighter Wing ONE change of command. CDR D. N. Tillman, Acting, relieved by CAPT J. F. Manning, Jr.

Enclosure (1)

DATEEVENT

1 Oct	Operational control shift of Fighter Squadron Forty-Five from COMFITWING ONE to Commander, Light Attack Wing ONE, by COMNAVAIRLANT authority.
31 Oct	Fighter Squadron One Hundred Three change of command. CDR R. E. Myers relieved by CDR S. E. Briggs.
1 Dec	Fighter Squadron Thirty-Three change of command. CDR C. W. Hoffman relieved by CDR T. M. Bucchi.
14 Dec	Fighter Squadron Thirty-Two change of command. CDR A. M. Gemmill relieved by CDR C. K. Crandall, Jr.

3. Safety. During calendar year 1986, Fighter Wing ONE aircraft flew a total of 56,537.5 hours with two Class "A" mishaps. The major mishap rate was 3.05 per 100,000 flight hours compared to rates of 0.00 and 4.56 during CY 85 and CY 84 respectively.

CAPTAIN JOHN F. MANNING, JR.

Captain John F. Manning, Jr. was born in (b) (6). He graduated from Villanova University in June 1965 with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree. Commissioned an Ensign in November 1965 via the Aviation Officer Candidate Program he was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1967.

Following F-4 replacement pilot training with Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE he reported to Fighter Squadron FORTY-ONE in October 1967. He made Mediterranean deployments with Air Wing SEVEN embarked in USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) and with Air Wing SIX embarked in USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (CVA 42).

In September 1970 he again reported to Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE for duty as an instructor pilot and Landing Signal Officer. In June 1971 he was ordered to the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. Upon graduation in December 1973 with a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering he reported to Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR at Naval Air Station Miramar, California.

After completing F-14 readiness training he reported to Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN in October 1974. He made the first Atlantic Fleet F-14A deployment to the Mediterranean in June 1975 and a deployment to the North Atlantic in August 1976 embarked in USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) serving as Maintenance Officer and Aviation Safety Officer.

After selection for test pilot training, he reported to the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland in January 1977. Upon graduation from the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School in December 1977, he reported to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron FOUR at Naval Air Station Point Mugu, California. During his tour he served as Chief Operational Test Director responsible for the prosecution of over forty Chief of Naval Operations projects involving operational test of U.S. Navy and foreign military aircraft, weapons and weapons systems. In addition, he served as the Officer in Charge of the VX-4 detachment at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland conducting the Initial Operational Test and Evaluation of the F/A-18 Naval Strike Fighter.

In May 1981 he reported to the Swordsmen of Fighter Squadron THIRTY-TWO where he served as Executive Officer until assuming command on 17 July 1982. During his command tour, Fighter Squadron THIRTY-TWO was awarded Battle Efficiency "E", and the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award for an Atlantic Fleet Fighter Squadron.

In January 1984 Captain Manning reported to the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island for the Senior Officer's Post Command Course. Subsequent to a tour as the Fighter Training and Readiness Officer on the staff of Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, he assumed command of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE on 11 October 1985. On completion of his tour as Commanding Officer of the Fleet Replacement Squadron, Captain Manning assumed command of Fighter Wing ONE in September 1986.

Captain Manning is a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and has accumulated over 4600 flight hours in over 30 different aircraft types. He has logged more than 800 arrested carrier landings.

Captain Manning is married to the former (b) (6)

(b) (6) They reside in Virginia Beach with their children, (b) (6)
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